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Stephen C. Wardlaw

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APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING QUALITY CONTROL

IN AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL ANALYSIS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 6, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on June 6, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14 and 19-24 are pending. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14 and 19-24 are rejected.

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